



## Haggerty Preschool Spring 2015 Newsletter

Dear Families,

Happy spring! Congratulations to us all for making it through the very long, cold and snowy winter! The end of winter was a very busy time at Haggerty Preschool. Despite the cold and snowy days we enjoyed playing outside on "MT. Haggerty" When the weather did not allow us to go outside we took advantage of our large classroom and moved our exercise inside!

We ended February with our Chinese New Year Celebration. During these fun 2 weeks we learned about many of the traditions and customs of Chinese New year. 2015 is the year of the sheep. Children born in 2015 are the zodiac sign of sheep. Children born in 2010 are the year of the Tiger and, Children born in 2011 and January 2012 are the year of the Rabbit. During this unit, we learned that red is the color of good luck, people give each other oranges as a symbol of good fortune for the New Year and on New Year's Eve (the night before the New Year begins), it is customary to have a big celebration and eat together as a family. On this night it is also tradition to sweep up the house to sweep away any bad luck that may be left from the year before

On March 10<sup>th</sup> we had a special visit from Miss Joyce a Dental Hygienist. During our visit we learned about the importance of how flossing and brushing our teeth twice a day helps your body to stay healthy and strong! Miss Joyce showed us the tools used to clean your teeth and we learned that in total children have 20 teeth and adults have 32 teeth.





## Nutrition Class

Nutrition class with Miss Roseanne has been so much fun! We continue to learn about eating the rainbow and each month try a new fruit or vegetable from the healthy rainbow! On Green day we made green juice with Miss Roseanne! We used the juicer to juice cucumbers, celery, romaine lettuce, apples and lemon to make a yummy drink! We will have our final nutrition class of the school year on Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>. On this day we will make fruit rainbows! Visit Miss Roseanne blog at <http://www.capeboston.org> for more fun and healthy recipes and tips!

### Glorious Green Juice Recipe

1 Head Romaine  
1 Cucumber  
2 Stalks Celery  
1 Apple  
1/2 Lemon

Feed ingredients into juicer and serve with a straw and a smile :)



## Curriculum

March was a fun month filled with lots of learning! We celebrated Dr. Seuss Birthday and learned about him as an author. On Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Silly Sock Day and read "Fox in Sox".



After learning about Dr. Seuss we continued our author study with Eric Carle. We have been learning that many of his illustrations are made from a series of hand painted papers that he later cuts out and glues together to make one large illustration. We

began our unit by reading the book "Little Cloud". After reading the book we went outside to look at the clouds in the sky. We then pretended to be looking up at the clouds as we used white paint and a sponge to create our own painted clouds.

We have been very busy exploring building materials and have enjoyed building many great structures using Magna Tiles, wood blocks, Legos, Dominos and Lincoln Logs!



On March 27<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed a visit from our favorite storytellers The Tufts Traveling Treasure Trunk! As always they had us belly laughing right from the start!



### **Field Trips**

On **Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>** we will be taking a field trip to the Peabody Preschool to see a Curious Creatures Show! The preschoolers will travel by the city's senior bus. We will leave Preschool at 10:00 for a 10:30 show and will return to preschool for pick up at 12:00. To learn more about curious creatures please visit their website at <http://www.curiouscreatures.org>.

On **Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>** we will be taking a field trip to the Discovery Museum in Acton! We will travel via the senior bus, leaving preschool at 8:30 and returning to preschool at 12:15. To learn more about the Discover Museum please visit their website at <http://www.discoverymuseums.org>. We are looking for 5 parent chaperons for this trip. Due to limited space on the van chaperones may need to follow the bus. If you are interested in chaperoning please let Miss Erin know!



### **Special Day's**

We have had so much fun celebrating everyone's special day and we cannot wait to celebrate some more! Thank you to Abby and Matthew and their families for all of the fun! This month we look forward to celebrating Luna, William Richards and Micah's special day!





## **Literacy Workshop**

On March 25<sup>th</sup> Jen Baily from the Literacy Coordinator for the Agenda for Children presented a wonderful parent workshop on storytelling. The workshop highlighted the importance of having conversation with your child how talking with your child helps to build your child's literacy skills. Attached you will find the handouts distributed at the workshop. These handouts lend some quick and easy ways families can engage children in conversation and storytelling. Looking for more information on early literacy? Follow the "Lets Talk" early literacy campaign to gain access to great tips and tricks to continue to build your child's early literacy skills.

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## **Book Drive**

Each year Haggerty Preschool engages in a community project to help the children learn more about ways they can help others. In the past we have made soup for the children at the Salvation Army as well as engaged in community outreach opportunities with Miss Doherty's Kindergarten classroom. This year based upon the preschooler's love of reading we have decided this years project will be a book drive to collect books that we can re-distribute to children who are in need of books. During the month of April we will begin talking to the children about the importance of helping others and will begin explaining to them the concept of a book drive. During the week of May 4<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting books for the book drive. We would like to ask that each child pick one book from their home library that they would like to give to another child and bring that to school and place it in the book drive box. During that week each child will also have the opportunity to pick one book from our classroom library to donate to the book drive. It is our goal that we will be able to donate a total of 30 books to an organization that will later distribute the books to children. We are still working on finding an organization that engages in this type of community outreach. If any families know of any organizations that fulfill this type of need we would love to learn more about it. In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns regarding this community project please let us know!



## **Re-Enrollment**

Re-enrollment for preschool families will be held on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM at 51 Inman Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. If your child will be attending preschool next year, you must re-enroll your child on one of these dates. If you can no make either of these dates you will need to contact Chandra Green the program Enrollment Coordinator prior to the enrollment dates at 617-349-6254 to schedule an alternative appointment.

Re-enrollment packets will be distributed to families in advance of these dates. Families must bring the completed re-enrollment packet with them to the re-enrollment session. Please remember that if you plan on withdrawing your child from the program before the end of June, you must submit a letter in writing giving notice of the withdrawal thirty days in advance. If you have any questions in regard the re-enrollment process of after school programing please speak with Miss Erin.



**April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Luna's Special Day

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** – William Richards Special Day

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** – No School – Patriots Day

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Curious Creatures Field Trip

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Discovery Museum Field Trip

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** – Re-Enrollment @ 51 Inman Street

**May 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** – Book Drive

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Nutrition Class

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Math Workshop – 8:30-10:00

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Re-Enrollment @ 51 Inman Street

**May 8<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Conferences

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – No School – Memorial Day